

Comments on petition:

RM-10810

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Petition Specific Comments

The petition asked for privileges to be granted to different classes of licenses without earning the privileges. This idea has absolutely no merit and is not consistent with the wishes of the majority of Amateurs.

The single test suggestion is certainly a dumbing down of Amateur Radio and is not in the best interest of Amateur Radio or the FCC.

The idea of giving away additional privileges without being earned, is a "give me something for nothing" attitude which has no merit.

Reallocation of the Amateur spectrum should not be considered.

Petition RM-10810 is absurd, and does NOT represent the desires of the majority of Amateurs.

Dismiss petition RM-10810 in its entirety.

General Comments

I support retaining Morse code as a testing requirement for Amateur Radio licenses within the United States of America. Morse code is still an integral part of Amateur Radio and is widely used by many people.

As Section Manager for the ARRL in the Western New York section, I conducted a survey of approximately 300 Amateurs. A full seventy percent 70% support retaining Morse Code as a testing requirement in the USA. Over sixty percent (60%) of those who are no-code licensees (Technician) support keeping Morse Code as a testing requirement.

As a compromise solution I propose changing the operating privileges of the Technician license class to include limited voice and Morse code frequency allocations in the 1.8 to 30MHz Amateur bands, and retain the 5 word per minute Morse code examination for both the General and Extra class licenses. A combination of Novice and Technician privileges for the no-code Technician license has merit.

As a W5YI and ARRL volunteer examiner, Morse code is not a testing burden as some claim, since there is only one test to administer for all license classes that require the test.

The argument that other commercial and military services have dropped Morse code is of no relevance to Amateur Radio, since these services are distinctly different with different obligations and requirements, and this premise should be dismissed as irrelevant to Amateur Radio.

Organizations such as the ARRL, W5YI and all others within the

NCVEC, have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in dropping the Morse code testing requirement, and therefore any petition from these organizations or including these organizations should be reviewed carefully. Some of the organizations within the NCVEC have employment concerns and therefore present an unfortunate conflict of interest for these organizations.

Other organizations within the NCVEC stand to benefit monetarily from the greater number of Amateurs expected by eliminating Morse code.

Eliminating Morse code to make more money or to gain membership is not an adequate reason for making a change in the Morse code requirements.

The Federal Communications Commission FCC must not let Amateur Radio turn into another citizen's band. The FCC while having good intentions at the time with the technology of the time, created a monster in allowing a citizen's band to be created in the 26 to 27 MHz spectrum. The citizen's band is an embarrassment to the FCC and to the USA and cannot be repeated by eliminating the Morse code requirement for Amateur Radio.

Summary

Keeping Morse code as a testing requirement for the General and Extra class licenses is consistent with the desire of the majority of Amateur Radio operators in the United States.

Petition RM-10810 by James Roux W4YA, does not represent the wishes and desires of the majority of Amateurs.

Petition RM-10810 should be dismissed.

Respectfully,

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